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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 10, 2008 (the "Office Action"),  
please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.